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Selectmen ask Water District trustees for some answers

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

The Bethel Water District responded recently to a number of concerns raised in a letter written by Town Manager Scott Cole on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Cole's May 24 letter expressed concerns about four issues on which the selectmen feel they need more information: water system capacity, overall capital plan, professional engineering support, and a stance on deregulation.

John Gray, chairman of the Water District, responded to the letter on June 7. Gray has served as a trustee of the district for three years and as chair for one. He suggested that any problems between the two public entities were the result of poor communication.

His response reads: "One tenor of the letter that is apparent to me is a general tone about a lack of communication between the Board of Selectmen and the Water District Trustees or at least a lack of understanding about the priorities and responsibilities of the Water District."

Gray suggested a monthly meeting with a designated selectman to

begin solving the communication problems. "This would hopefully keep both the town and district informed of activities and issues that have an overlapping importance or concern to both," he wrote.

Gray said his response is not necessarily the Water District's final response, but a preliminary answer that he hopes will begin an ongoing dialog.

The Water District is an independent authority, created by act of the Maine Legislature in 1967. The district provides water to residents of Bethel Village from an open-source reservoir on Chapman Brook and to residents of West Bethel from a well. The trustees are appointed to three-year terms by the Board of Selectmen.

Capacity

The board requested information about the capacity of the system. "The immediate concern here is whether or not the current system can provide adequate water for new development, residential or commercial, in Bethel," the letter states.

At the trustees' request, Albert

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Village Association seeks Main Street Maine grant Would create position of downtown manager

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Village Association is pursuing a \$30,000 federal grant that would encourage economic development in the village area. At the same time, the effort would promote historic preservation.

Selectmen last week approved submitting the application to the "Main Street Maine" program. Three grants will be awarded statewide, out of 10 applications. Most of the other municipalities are considerably larger than Bethel. They include Lewiston and Waterville.

"What makes me think we have a really good chance is that we are the small town," said Janet Black, a member of BVA. Applications must be submitted by the end of

this month, with decisions expected sometime in September.

If approved, the grant would likely be used to hire a "downtown manager," a person to help coordinate activities.

Facets of the program, according to a guide provided by the Maine Downtown Center (which oversees the grant), include "coordinating an aggressive promotion and marketing campaign that includes a program of special events and business promotions. If it is to thrive, the downtown must improve both its self-image and the image it projects to potential customers and investors."

Design of the downtown area is another element. "Good design is essential to all aspects of downtown revitalization. The Main Street design philosophy is not a 'purist' preservation approach, but one that seeks to utilize and enhance those elements of quality design that remain in each building. Good design must be extended to include promotional literature, store

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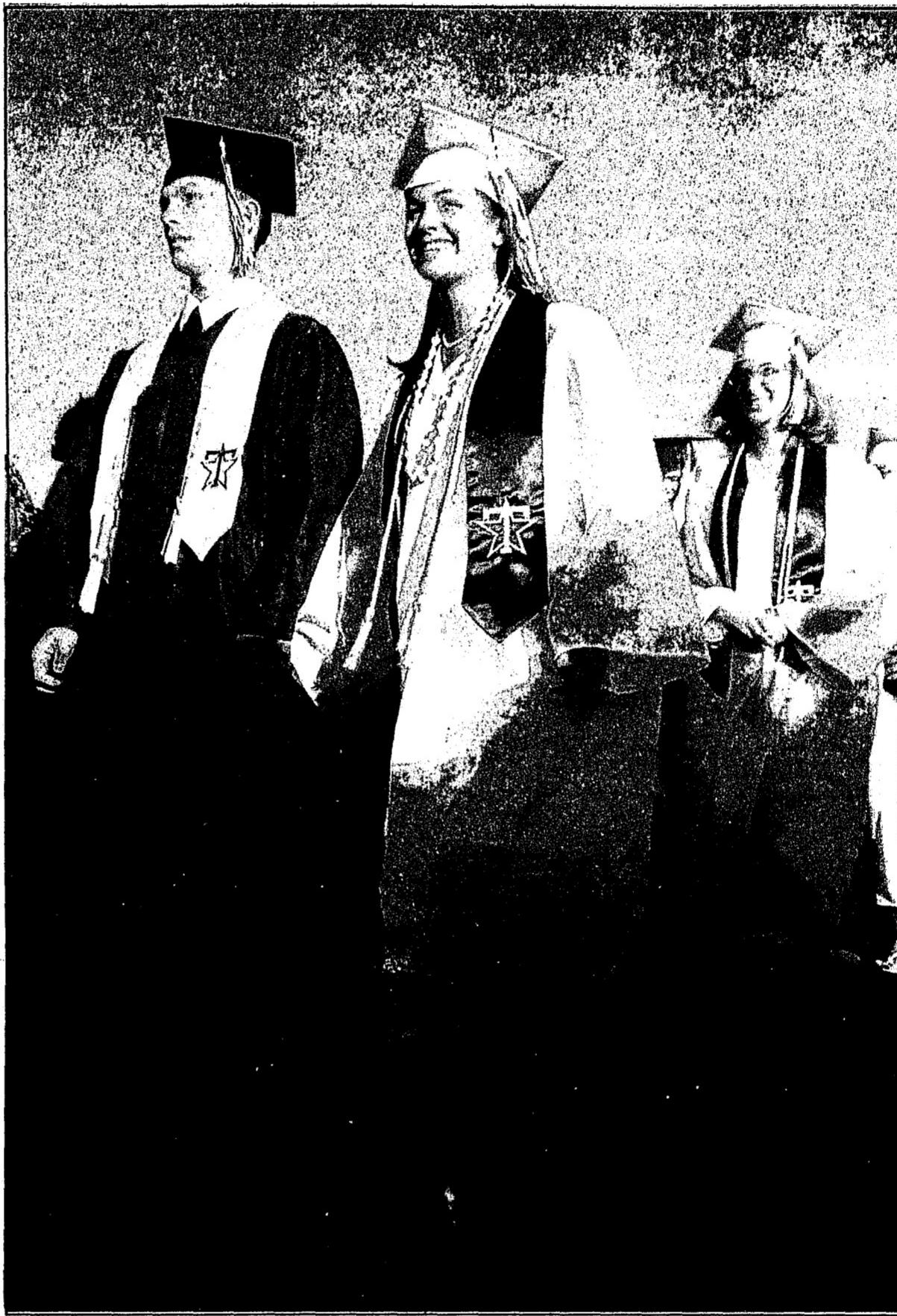
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Nature smiles on 2001 graduation



Telstar High School graduates Greg Koch, Amanda McGrew and Renee Royer march in for the 2001 Commencement Exercises, held on the school's softball field.
(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Telstar graduates alfresco

By ALISON ALOISIO

Perfect weather made Telstar High School's first outdoor graduation since 1979 a memorable one Friday evening, as 53 graduates accepted their diplomas on the school's softball field.

The graduates marched in to "Pomp and Circumstance," performed by a school and community band. The setting sun highlighted their blue and white gowns and, for some, the gold honor banners denoting academic achievement.

The ceremony was opened by teacher Charlie Raymond. Raymond said he had been a skeptic of the plan to hold the graduation outside, but was happily proven wrong.

He told the graduates, "Take a second and breathe in this air and see those faces. Enjoy the moment."

Class member Mary Russo sang the Star Spangled Banner, and Student Council co-presidents Eric Swasey and Denise Scott welcomed parents and friends.

They were followed by salutatorian Anna Kennett and valedictorian Tricia Hadley.

Kennett told her classmates, "The friendships made and the lives touched are treasures that we'll always carry with us ... never forget where you came from."

Hadley spoke of a conversation she had recently with her father, who told her she was now an adult. "I said, 'I won't be 18 until August,'" but, Hadley said, her father replied that it was not "the age you were, but the responsibility you took on that made you an adult."

"We are going to walk off this field high school graduates ... and out in the real world this makes us grownups." She also read the Judith Viorst poem, "You're Officially a Grownup."

Heather Jordan and Kristen Pitcher then offered "Reflections," recounting the class's four years at Telstar. They noted several highlights, including the days of school

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Unitarian Universalists hope to revive the spirit

The UU church in Bryant Pond has alternately thrived and struggled during its 150-year history.

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bryant Pond will be 150 years old next year. Whether it survives to celebrate that anniversary, however, will depend on a dwindling handful of members who still attend and care for it.

The well-maintained church building is located next to the Lakeside Cemetery. It once boasted a thriving congregation and church school, during the days when the baby-boomers were children.

But the membership and attendance has declined since then, and

is now down to about 10 people. The church has operated only part of the year, relying on guest ministers and speakers.

This past weekend, some new and long-time members gathered at the church, now closed for the summer, to try to find a way to boost interest and attendance.

"We'd hate to see the church go," said member and treasurer Ed Howe, who attends with his wife, Eloise.

Howe said as a child, he first attended the Baptist Church, during a period when the UU was going through another lean time. "They got going again in the late '40s or

'50s," he said, and he began attending with his parents. The church put on frequent suppers and luncheons, often attended by workers at the nearby Stowell wood mill.

In the late 1950s and 1960s, the church offered religious education and about two dozen children took part. A children's choir even appeared on television, on Channel 6, Howe said.

But as the baby-boomers grew up, many moved away or simply lost interest in church. Older members passed away, and the church again closed for a time.

It has since made another come-

back, but has been dependent on the efforts of a very few people. The departure of a couple of key members has now left the church's future uncertain.

Enter Sharon and Seabury Lyon, who moved here recently from Connecticut, where they had attended a UU church. They helped organize Sunday's meeting, which was held in place of a service.

The Lyons, who live in Bethel, were taken by the small church and want to see it survive. They also don't want to travel the distance to West Paris or Norway, where larger UU churches are located.

Sharon, who was raised Catholic but abandoned that faith following her confirmation, first attended a UU church with Seabury in Con-

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Letters

BOAT LANDING DEDICATION

To the Editor:

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This facility is an example of a successful private/public partnership between Mead Corporation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the town of Hanover.

In addition to the benefit of increased access to the Androscoggin River, the town of Hanover through the generosity of Mead Corporation is the beneficiary of a building adjacent to the landing, to be used for town offices.

For information on paddling, please contact Sue Lincoln, trek coordinator (824-4627).

Bruce F. Powell
First selectman

TELSTAR CAR SHOW

To the Editor:

An awesome event will take place at Telstar High School on Saturday, July 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our local high school will be hosting a Car Show. The athletic fields at Telstar will have an anticipated assortment of different car classes. Street Rods, muscle cars, trucks, mini, 4 x 4, hot rods, '50s/60s cars, antiques and even a Stanley Steamer are expected to grace the fields at the school.

Five dollars is the registration fee for car and one passenger. Trophies for the top three in each class as well as trophies for best of show, best paint, best engine will be given out by 2 p.m. Also, admission for spectators will be \$2.50.

This event is being organized by the Friends of Telstar High School. Proceeds from the event will be used for student recognition and scholarship money. An event of this size needs the support of the local community. Sponsorship money for the show is being sought from local businesses and private individuals. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to sponsor the Telstar Car Show, please contact one of the following individuals: Marilyn Swan (824-2029), Brenda Wight (824-2288) or Linda Howe (824-2328).

The Telstar Car Show is a wonderful event that connects students, parents, faculty and community members in a fun and positive way. Support our local high school and make this show part of your Mollywood Day plans. See you on the fields at Telstar on July 21.

Linda Howe
For the Friends of Telstar High School

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

To the Editor:

Last September, with the help of parents and community, the Bethel Pre-school was created at the Bethel United Methodist Church. Eleven boys and girls, ages three to five, participated in educational and fun-filled activities. We attended the Mahoosuc Arts programs at Crescent Park Elementary School, story time at the Bethel Library, and visited the Bethel Fire Station. On Friday, June 15, the students, parents and teachers will celebrate the end of the school year with a trip to the Wild Animal Park in Gray.

Special thanks to Pastor Walter Brown and the members of the Bethel United Methodist Church who generously provided a classroom. In order to meet licensing regulations, the church made many adaptations including electrical rewiring and the installation of a fire-safe door. Thanks to Kim Shannon, who is always willing to lend a helping hand. He was quick to respond when we discovered the oil spill and worked diligently with DEP on the cleanup. Thank you to Mrs. Hope Brown, who delighted the children with songs, hand bells and harpsichord. And last, but not least, thanks to Mrs. Sylvia Clanton, volunteer from the church, who provided much-needed assistance on days when Pat or Judy could not be at school.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible. We had a wonderful year.

Pat Blakeslee, director/teacher; Judy Hills, teacher
Bethel Pre-school

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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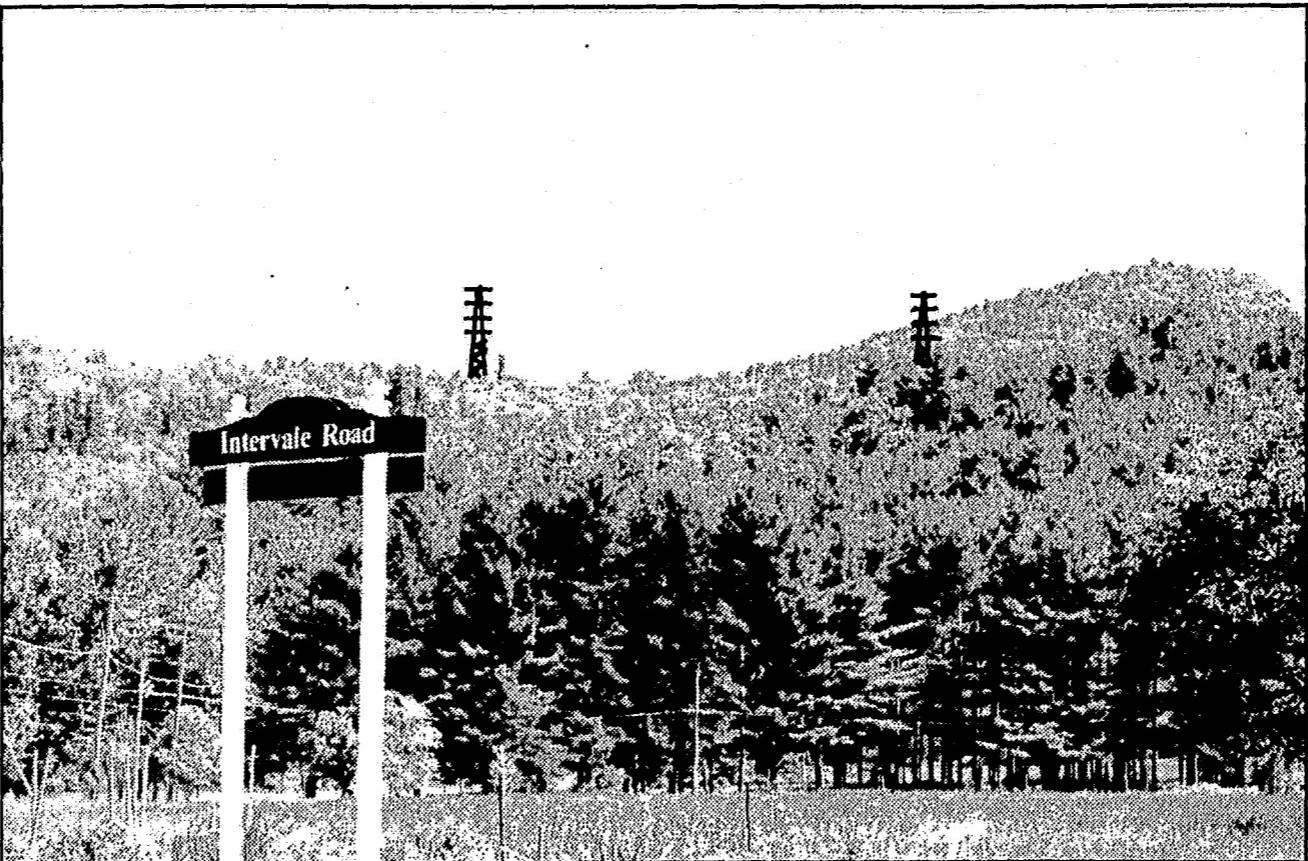
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OVERLOOKING BETHEL—The Bethel Planning Board will hold a public hearing Monday, June 25, on a proposal to build a 150-foot cellular communications tower off the Bailey Road. The graphic above indicates the approximate visual impact of the tower at each of two sites that are currently under consideration (only one site will be selected). The view is from the Gateway Parcel at the intersection of Route 26 and the Intervale Road. The height and location of the towers is based on balloon tests conducted Saturday. The public hearing will be held in the Town Office meeting room, beginning at 7 p.m.

(Photo and rendering by Eric Schwarz)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: Pots of flowers had been placed along Bethel's Main Street by the beautification committee of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Diplomas were received by 69 members of the Class of 1991 at the 23rd commencement exercises at Telstar Regional High School.

Jenn Bowie as Mother Goose, Rebecca Hanscom as Mary, Rafael Gisin as Tom, and Amy Howe as Barnaby were the lead dancers in the Children's Dance Theater production of "Babes in Toyland."

Death: Annie Merrick Gordon.

20 years ago: Approximately 60 SAD44 voters took 20 minutes to approve the expenditure of \$2,689,437 for the ensuing fiscal year.

The Bethel Water District announced that it planned to replace two of the older fire hydrants each year with new units that meet insurance standards.

Eric Hastings received the Michael S. Brooks Outstanding Senior Athlete Award at Telstar Regional High School.

Deaths: Milan A. Chapin, Stanley B. Morgan.

30 years ago: About 60 friends and co-workers gathered at the Andover gymnasium to honor Elsie Dresser, Marjorie McGuire, Louise Mills and Laura Learned on their retirement from teaching.

Wilbur R. Myers, who was retiring at the end of June after 40 years at Gould Academy, was honored by a testimonial dinner at the Bethel Inn. Coming to Gould in 1931 as teacher of commercial subjects, he went on to become coach of football, baseball and winter sports and finally bursar.

Davidson Hall, the new Gould Academy dormitory at the corner of Winter and Church streets, was dedicated by Dr. Sidney W. Davidson, president-emeritus of the Gould board of trustees, and William M. Throop, board president.

Deaths: W. Rodney Swift, Ronald C. Davis Sr., Miriam Brown.

40 years ago: Union 22 Superintendent Eric Sahlberg presented diplomas to 69 members of Crescent Park School's Class of 1961 during a program held at Gould Academy. William Bingham II gymnasium. Former local superintendent Donald M. Christie of Gray was the guest speaker.

Gould Academy ended its 125th year by presenting diplomas to 64 members of the Class of 1961.

Doris O. Lord received her B.S. in education from the University of Maine at Orono. She graduated from Gould Academy in 1920.

Harvey McGuire, superintendent of schools, presented diplomas to 12 graduates at Andover High School.

Births: Kenneth Richard Morton, Douglas George Averill.

50 years ago: Arthur Dupuis of Rumford lost his life when struck by a falling log at a logging operation in the Sunday River area.

One hundred twenty-seven firemen honored state Fire Warden Seymour G. Hile of South Paris at a farewell party sponsored by the Western Maine Firemen's Association in North Waterford. Hile was soon to leave for duty with the U.S. Forest Service in Berea, Ky.

Gould Academy graduated 71 seniors at its 115th commencement.

Deaths: Bessie E. Bartlett, Charles C. Eames.

60 years ago: The Bethel post office was moved across Main Street to quarters formerly occupied by the J.P. Butts' hardware store. (The building was razed in the early 1970s prior to the construction of the Bethel Savings Bank, now Northeast Bank.)

Eleven buildings, including four homes, a barn and several buildings owned by Hanover Dowel Co. were destroyed by fire in Hanover village.

About 100 acres, mostly cut over land, were burned in Albany, near the Marshall schoolhouse.

70 years ago: Principal and Mrs. Frank E. Hanscom entertained the faculty and 43 members of Gould Academy's senior class at a picnic supper at their farm in Mechanic Falls.

100 years ago: Very wet conditions prevented much early planting.

F.E. Hanscom of Gould Academy attended the funeral of his grandmother in Poland (Maine).

The Epworth League held a lawn party at the home of Mrs. C.S. Littlehale (now the Dr. Moses Mason House).



Today is Flag Day

The flag of the United States of America was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia. There the Continental Congress adopted the stars and stripes as the national flag. The 13 stripes alternating red and white, with a union of 13 white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind. Today 50 stars signal from the union, one for each of the 50 states.

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Briefly

Light turnout in Bethel

BETHEL—Only 175 of Bethel's 1,840 registered voters went to the polls Tuesday to elect town officials. Incumbent selectmen Al Barth (104 votes) and Don Bennett (130) were reelected over challengers Harry Faulkner (50) and Francis Dumont (40). Stan Howe (112) and David Luxton (111) were elected assessors over Bob Everett (79). Incumbent SAD44 Elaine Cross was reelected (136), but incumbent Jill Rundell (72) lost to challenger Barbara Dumont (90). Town Meeting was scheduled to take place last night (Wednesday). Results will appear in next week's Citizen.

School budget hearing tonight

BETHEL—A public hearing on the SAD44 FY'02 budget will take place tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Telstar High School Library. The proposed general fund and adult education budgets, if approved, would increase the combined assessment to the towns by 4.92 percent. A referendum vote is scheduled for June 26.

Otten to buy Sox?

BETHEL—Les Otten, former CEO of the American Skiing Co., and two partners have expressed interest in buying the Boston Red Sox. Otten, a long-time New York Yankees fan, said last week that becoming involved in Major League Baseball would be the fulfillment of a lifetime ambition. His partners are David Hawkes, chairman of the Northern New England AAA league, and Tom Werner, a television producer and former managing partner of the San Diego Padres. The group has received permission to review the Sox' financial records. The team was put up for sale last fall. Otten's group was one of eight allowed access to the records.

Motorcyclist killed on Route 2

GILEAD—A 31-year-old New Brunswick man died Saturday evening after his motorcycle struck a sport utility vehicle head-on. Andre Belanger was eastbound on Route 2 when it crossed into the other lane and hit a Ford Explorer, driven by Michael McKinney, 33, West Bethel. He and his three passengers were not injured, but were taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital for observation and released.

Norway police chief arrested

NORWAY—Norway police chief Timothy Richards is facing domestic violence charges stemming from a dispute with his ex-wife. Richards, 41, a former Rye, N.H. officer, is accused of assaulting Patricia Richards of Bridgton in a parking lot outside the Lovell Elementary School last Wednesday. Capt. James Miclon of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department said the woman alleged Richards "squeezed her hand and twisted her wrist." Richards was arrested about three hours later, Miclon said. He said Richards was cooperative but appeared to be surprised. Police also served Richards with a protection order that Patricia Richards had filed because of a confrontation last week, Miclon said. Richards joined the Norway force in 1995 and became acting chief in 1998. He was named chief in January 1999. The Bar Harbor native served the Rye, N.H., Police Department for nine years before coming to Norway. The Maine Attorney General's Office in Augusta will handle the case. Richards was placed on administrative leave.

Wight top Maine finisher

HAMPTON, N.H.—Katie Wight represented the state of Maine and Telstar Regional High School at the 56th New England Track & Field Championship held at Winnacunnet High School June 9. Six individuals, one from each New England state, qualify in every event. Wight qualified in the 200- and 400-meter races. She placed 19th in the 20 m in a time of 27.54 seconds, and 10th in the 400 m with a time of 60.07 seconds. Her 400 m time was a new Telstar school record. Wight was the top Maine finisher.

Youth group off to Ireland

BETHEL—The West Parish Congregational Church Youth Group will travel to Belfast, Northern Ireland, Friday for an 11-day stay. The group will visit St. Malachy Parish. Those making the trip are Dan, Brian and Kevin Zinchuk, Chelsea and Bill Marshall, Katie Reed and Joel Doyon. They will be accompanied by adults Jean Bass, Betsy Doyon, Mary Newcomb and Steve Wight. Wight will carry a letter from former Sen. George Mitchell, who, with a group from Telstar Middle School, planted a tree in 1997 in the St. Malachy Peace Garden. In the letter Mitchell thanks the staff and students of the school for their "continued dedication to the cause of peace in Northern Ireland."

Photos sought

WEST PARIS—A mixup on photos developed at the Shop 'n Save in Oxford has left Bertha DeHaas without some memories of her short marriage to Gordon DeHaas. The couple was married only five weeks when he died in February. When DeHaas opened some photos she took during that time, she found they did not belong to her. She is asking that if anyone received photos from the store containing pictures of children and a pug dog, they check with Shop 'n Save or the Bethel Citizen (824-2444).

Swimming lessons scheduled

BETHEL—The town of Bethel will offer swimming lessons at Songo Pond from June 26 to July 13. Classes will range from infant/toddler (with a parent) to Level VI, and will meet in the morning on consecutive days. Registration may be done at the Town Office before June 22. The cost is \$5 per child for Bethel residents (maximum \$10 a family) and \$10 a child for non-residents (maximum \$20 a family). For more information call Ellie Kingsbury at 824-3152 ext. 301 (leave a message). Classes are limited. A listing of time slots will appear in the June 21 Citizen.

Quilt show planned

BETHEL—"Oh, My Stars" is the theme for the 14th annual Quilt Show presented by the Cross Country Quilters of Bethel, to be held June 22 and 23. The old-fashioned quilt show, held at the Middle Intervale Meeting house, will feature antique quilts as well as new ones made by area quilters. The show will also offer handmade items for sale, refreshments. A Texas Star quilt will be raffled on the second day. A donation of \$3 is requested, and children under 12 are admitted free. All proceeds are used to continue the ongoing preservation of the meeting house. Show hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Anyone interested in the show or in including a quilt may contact June Abbott at 836-2301 or Shireen Vincent at 836-2918.

Woman charged in boat incident

PARIS—A Dixfield woman has been charged with attempting to murder her former husband, Celeste Wilson was released on her own recognizance Monday following an appearance in district court. She was not required to enter a plea. According to police reports and affidavits, Wilson and Richard Wilson went paddle-boating on the Webb River Saturday. They said an argument became heated. Richard Wilson told police she told him he was "in a bad position, being on a river and not knowing how to swim." He said the argument became physical and his ex-wife pushed him into the river and held his head under water. He was able to break away and reach shore. Celeste Wilson said she did try to hold his head under water to drown him, but then blacked out. When she regained consciousness, she didn't remember anything. She said she began to remember doing something wrong and feared she had hurt her ex-husband.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Four charged with assault

At 8:30 p.m. on June 8 a Route 232 complainant reported she was pushed, hit and her hair pulled by a subject. Scott Henry, 31, of Bethel was arrested and taken to the Oxford County Jail, where he was charged with assault.

Friday, June 8

At 3:45 p.m. police received a call from a business employee who said a subject was drinking a beer on the corner of Main and Railroad streets. On arrival police questioned the subject, who admitted he had been drinking. Chad Bean, 19, of Bethel was given a summons for illegal possession of liquor by a minor.

Saturday, June 9

At 9:50 a.m. a complainant said he had been assaulted outside the Sudbury Inn.

Sunday, June 10

At 6:35 p.m. police arrested Ryan Wodka, 23, and Macy Blaisdell, 21, both of Bethel, in connection with an earlier assault incident. They were charged with aggravated assault.

Monday, June 11

At 5:30 p.m. police served Lovella Henry, 43, of Bethel, a summons for assault.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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Water district

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Hodson, the district's engineer, responded in a May 31 letter. He said that based on the town's needs for the month of April, the system was operating at 72 percent capacity.

He continued: "The average daily usage in April was 130,000 gallons a day (gpd) and the system can provide 180,000 gpd (125 gallons per minute). This is not a large excess capacity. This excess capacity further dwindles in the winter when there is lots of snow. The water usage goes up especially for the school vacation week. At that time, the excess capacity may be about 20 percent. Of course this can be adversely affected if there are heavy rains during that same week and the source has to be isolated temporarily." (Heavy rains increase turbidity in the water beyond acceptable limits.)

Hodson did not mention system capacity at other times of the year.

He indicated that the cost of increasing capacity for the current source is about a million dollars. He suggested that it would be prudent — and half as expensive — to go to a high-quality and high-capacity ground-water source, rather than attempting to upgrade the present surface water system.

The cost of such an upgrade should be covered for the most part by the customers who are now creating the new demand," Hodson's letter continued. "This policy has been followed through the use of contract agreement with new large customers."

Overall capital plan

The selectmen's letter also said coordination of road, sewer, and water capital improvements be handled in such a way that residents get the most benefit for the least cost.

The water lines were extended up Paradise Road five years ago, when the town was in the middle of building the sewer treatment plant and was not ready to tackle additional work. The water lines were laid, but the sewer lines were not. Since that time, the surface of Paradise Road has been a rough and crumbling patchwork. Now the town is ready to dig up the road again to extend the sewer lines. The road will be repaved when the work is finished.

A similar situation might have happened this summer, when the town planned to replace the sewer

lines servicing Clark Street. According to Cole, the street is in need of repaving, and the water lines need to be upgraded, as well.

The Water District is not financially able to replace the Clark Street water lines at this time, according to Gray, because the district is focusing on other priorities.

"The end result is that the residents on Clark Street are going to have an inferior sewer line as well as an inferior street because of the poor planning of the district," Cole said.

The Water District's letter to the board did not address capital planning. Hodson's letter, however, said, "In the past, the district has always tried to dovetail its work with the town's, provided the district had the funds to participate. I believe the district still operates with that intention in mind. Better communication can always help in the process."

Cole agreed that communication is key. "Projects like this don't happen in a day or two. Where was the district when they were planning the Paradise project? They had months to get the town on board, and the town had months to respond. Everyone dropped the ball. Communication goes both ways."

Engineering

The work on Paradise Road brought to light the selectmen's third concern: the Water District's engineering support. The Town Office did not have copies of the engineering drawings of the work, known as "as-builts." After reviewing Cole's letter, Hodson has since provided those documents to the town.

The letter suggests that this type of information be centralized and available to the town and Water District at all times. The letter also suggests that it would behoove the town and district to use the same engineering firm, since the assets of both are located in the public rights of way. It is most cost effective if improvements are made at the same time.

The Water District also refrained from responding to this concern, but Hodson did.

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Hodson explained to the Citizen that the information was generated by his company after going through a competitive bidding process. "We are not in the business of supplying our competitors with our work," he said. He also pointed out that he did engineering for both the town and the district until the mid-1990s.

Madeline Henley, town manager at the time, dropped him as the town's engineer. Soon after, his firm sued the town, the Water District, and Bethel Station Partners over work done at Bethel Station.

The law suit was over unpaid costs for some of the engineering of Bethel Station water lines. According to Cole, it was ultimately resolved through arbitration, and the town was found to be not liable for the costs.

Cole said, "The battle went on for several years, with substantial legal costs, I believe in excess of \$20,000, and substantial staff time to compile information. It's outrageous that the town was drawn into that battle."

Deregulation

The selectmen's final question was regarding LD 1333, a bill in the Legislature that would allow local water districts to opt out of regulation by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The PUC currently oversees the district and sets the rates charged to ratepayers.

The district trustees, Gray, John Head, and Joe Drummond, opposed the bill. According to Gray, PUC oversight gives the district a set of operating guidelines that are useful for such a small entity.

Currently, the bill has passed the House of Representatives but is stalled in the Senate.

Cole said he believes residents of Bethel would be better served by a utility that was a department of town government, as the sewer treatment plant is. "That allows you to streamline all your planning under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the town's elected representatives," he said.

Gray said that the district has faithfully delivered clean, safe water to residents of Bethel Village and West Bethel for many years under the existing system. "Our goal is high-quality water at a reasonable rate for the rate payers."

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Graduation

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missed because of the Ice Storm of '98, as well as the bomb scares of last year and the many peanut butter sandwiches consumed at the Gould Academy fieldhouse during the bomb-scare incidents. But, concluded Pitcher, "Above all, the coming together as one and really making the best for each other this night."

The musical selection "Time of Your Life," sung by all the class members, followed.

Supt. Kent Rosberg then certified the graduates, and Kelly Scotti,

chairman of the Board of Directors, presented the diplomas.

The graduates continued a tradition of individually giving the principal a small memento as they receive their diplomas. Each graduate handed principal Patrick O'Neill a small bottle of water. Late in the school year school was called off or dismissed early because the well ran dry. "We'll keep these for next year," said O'Neill.

Class co-presidents Marianne Nadeau and Paul Cox then gave the farewell.

"We are moving from this comfortable place to a new and exciting world. It is time to accept this change and say farewell to the people who impacted our lives throughout our years here at Gould," said Nadeau.

Teacher Rachel Read closed the program. "This class is full of caring, sensitive young adults, and will never forget any of you," she said. "You will be missed."

Following the ceremony the graduates traveled to "Jokers" in Portland for Project Graduation.

Main Street

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window and merchandise displays, public building improvements and street amenities."

Also included is economic restructuring, an effort to restore elements a main street may have lost over past decades. That goal would be accomplished by "attracting new retail and non-retail functions, including office, recreation services and residential uses," the guide said.

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The BVA has been discussing

potential involvement in the federally funded program for more than two years, and members have attended conferences on the subject.

The grant project would support efforts by businesses and individuals, rather than direct them. For that reason, Black said, she was hesitant to give specific examples or ideas for the use of the money in Bethel.

She said some improvements that have already taken place on Main Street follow the philosophy of the grant.

If Bethel received a grant, the funding would stretch over three years. BVA would also seek local in-kind donations to support the project. As for donations from the town itself, Black said such funding "would be nice," but the organizers are not assuming that sort of participation, at least not initially.

The group has received a \$500 donation from the Bethel Rotary Club.

Black said there has been a positive reaction to the grant plan from many businesses.

The project is not just about Main Street, Black emphasizes. "To make this all work, we need to involve the schools, the churches, everyone," she said. The goal is to "market Main Street to make it prosper, and bring commerce to the surrounding area."

And if Bethel is not one of the grant recipients?

Grant applications may be submitted each year, said Bob Lauz, BVA's coordinator, so Bethel could reapply.

Like Black, Lauz said revitalizing the village and main street area of a town can have a ripple effect. After Littleton, N.H., made improvements through a similar grant, an industrial park was established because of the increased appeal of the town, he said.

Information on the statewide effort can be found at www.mdf.org/downtown.

Church

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necticut. "It exactly hit the spot for me," she said.

Church philosophy

The Unitarian-Universalist church as a whole has been growing slowly since 1978, according to Roger Comstock, the church's district executive, who traveled from Portland Sunday to meet with the group. That trend runs counter to many mainstream faiths, he said, which are finding their overall membership shrinking.

The church does not dictate a particular creed and leaves its

members free to believe as they choose. The UU organization resulted from the merger of separate Unitarian and Universalist churches. Both are rooted in Christian tradition. Today, the church continues its dedication to Christian values without necessarily emphasizing the faith's literal interpretations, Comstock said.

While the church's philosophy is drawing more people in populated areas, the dwindling membership in small rural communities is not uncommon.

Where will the Bryant Pond church go from here?

Comstock said he can explore the possibility of bringing retired UU ministers from the region to speak and help with a church program. It would be ideal, he said, to have one person serve in a regular capacity, to focus the congregation's efforts. With a very small budget, the church must pay on a per-Sunday basis.

An effort will also be made to organize a religious education program for children.

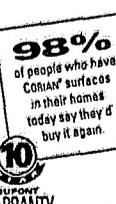
The church will reopen Sept. 9. Comstock volunteered to give the first sermon himself, if arrangements for a minister cannot be made before then. "No matter what, we will have a service," said Lyon.

As the larger organization does what it can to get someone in the pulpit, the local members are looking for potential new members.

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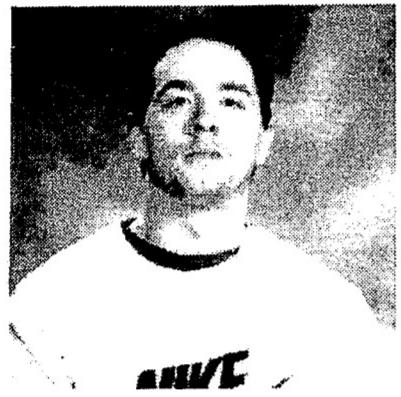
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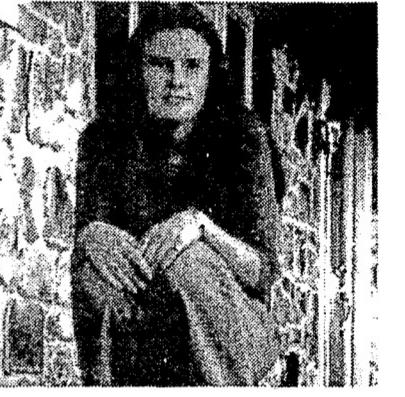
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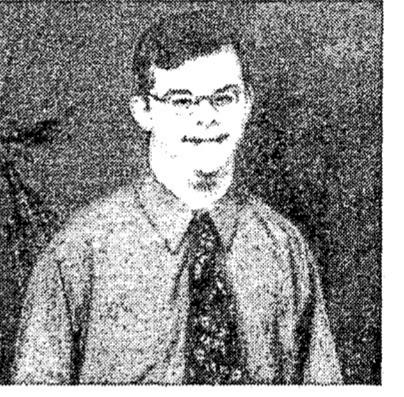
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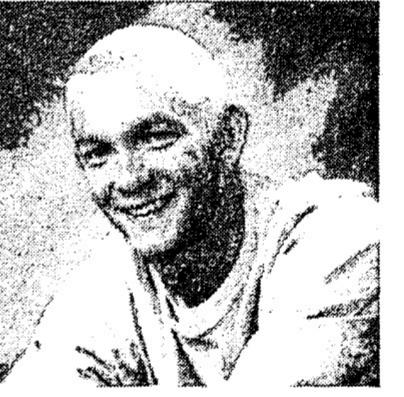
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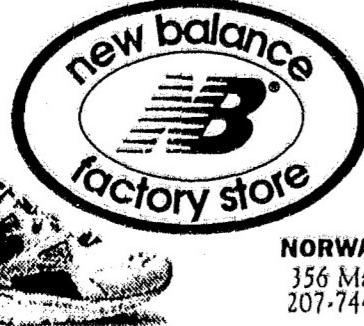


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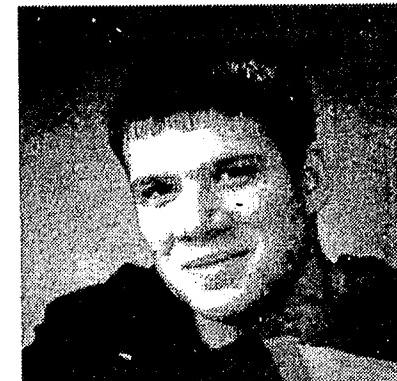
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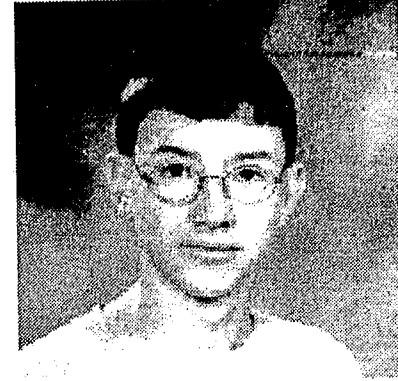
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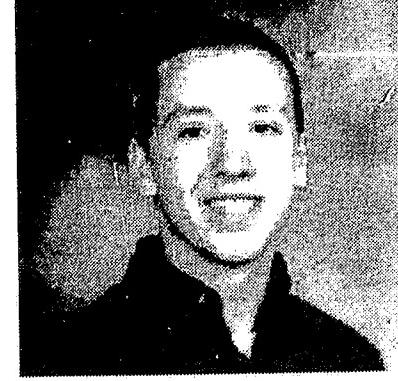
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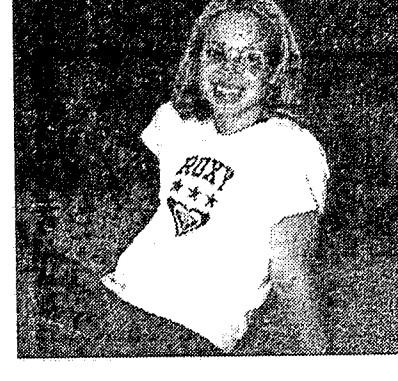
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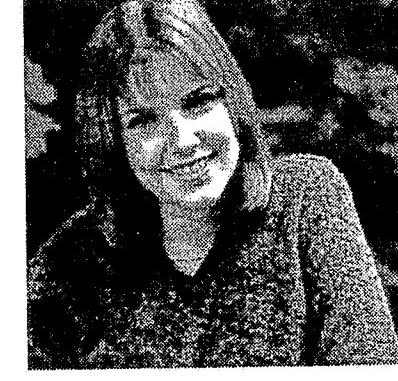
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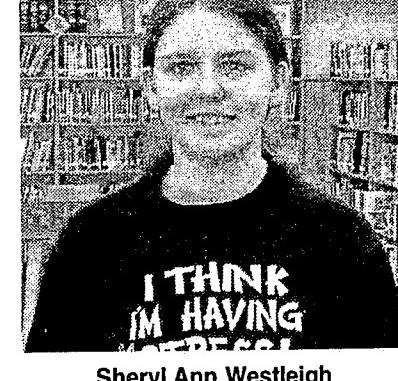
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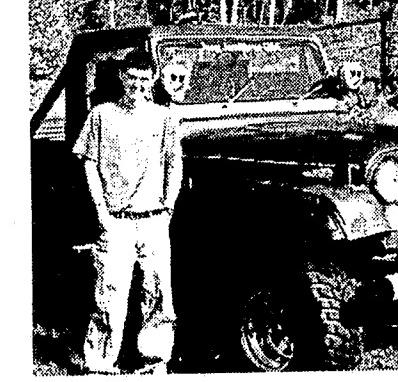
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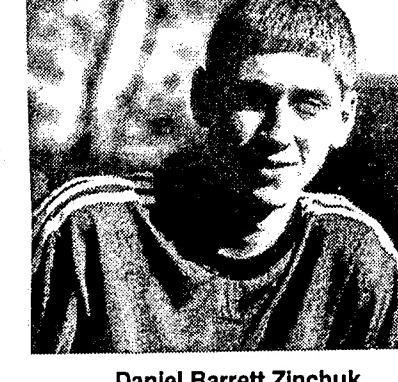
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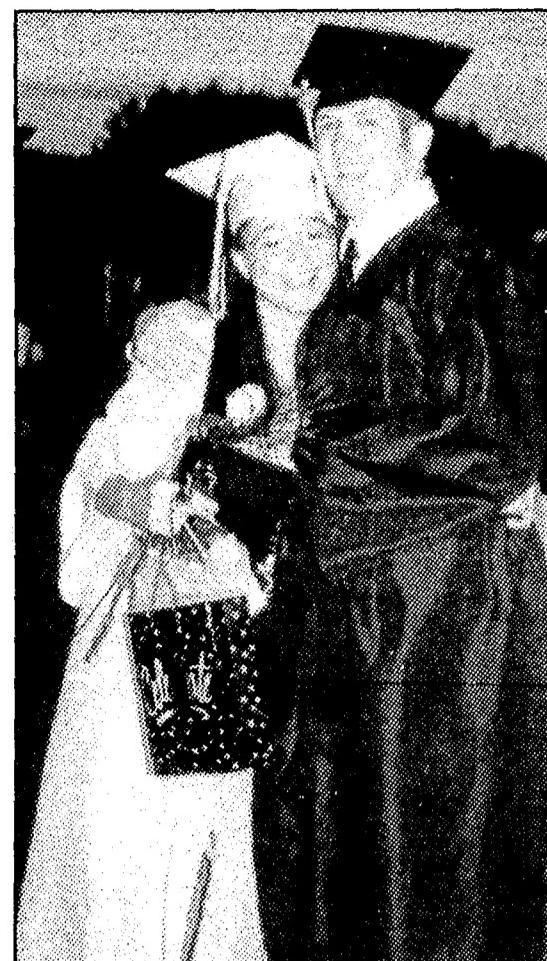
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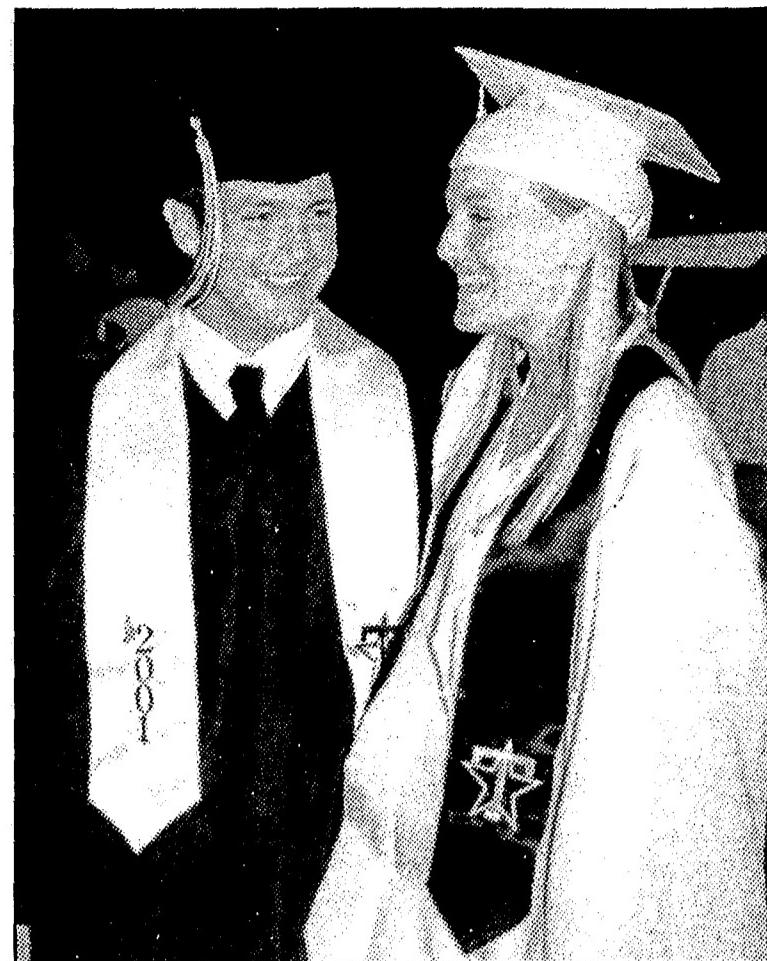
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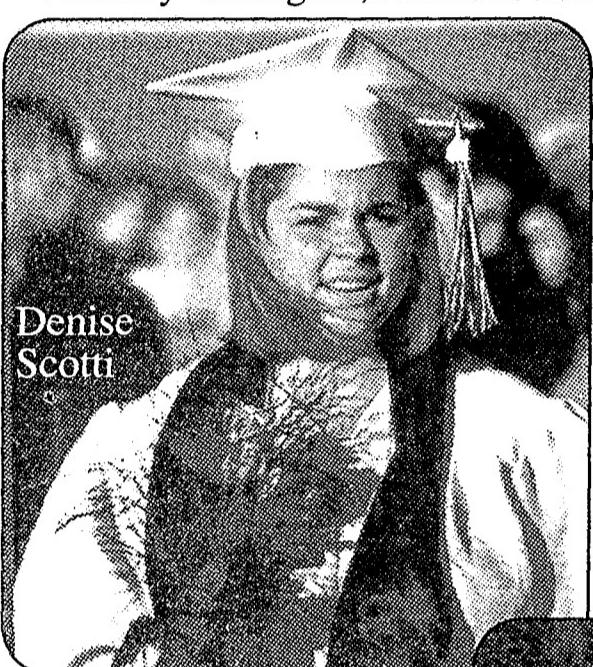
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Thursday, June 14, 2001

Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Sandra Gunther is a patient at Maine Medical Center in Portland. Louise Twitchell had a hip replacement and is now at N.E. Rehabilitation Center, 335 Brighton Avenue, Portland, ME 04102. Her room number is 219.

The Grand Opening at Western Maine Building Supply was well attended and many attendees won nice prizes.

Another Grand Opening was held at the popular Red Top Restaurant in Locke Mills on Saturday and Sunday, also with many prizes.

Mabel Kennett is at home after having hip replacement at Stephens Memorial Hospital this past week.

United Methodist Women met Thursday, June 9, at the Methodist Church for a potluck luncheon and meeting.

Charles and Beth Ann Douglass Lusky are parents of a baby girl, River Ann, born at Bridgton Hospital. Grandparents are Richard and Grace Douglass.

Edna York's former Bible Class met at Pat's Pizza for a luncheon get-together recently. Those present were: Hope Tibbets, Lyndell Carter, Edna York, Barbara Maffler, Doris Fraser, Betty Robertson, Wilma Gorman, Betty Perkins and a guest, Sarah Stevens. Eva Perry was unable to attend.

Mary and Bud Paine attended graduation at Edward Little High School, Auburn, on Monday. Terry Truitt's son, Andrew DeFilipp was among the graduates.

Kenneth and Gwyneth Bohr have returned home after attending their 60th college reunions, Ken from M.I.T. and Gwyneth from Radcliff.

The trustees of Gould Academy held a farewell dinner in honor of Bill and Ki Clough, retiring Gould headmaster and his wife, last Thursday evening, June 7, at Ordway Hall, with over 320 in attendance. The Rev. Jean Bass gave the blessing and a group of male faculty entertained with a Musical Medley. Alan B. Ordway '60, president of the Gould Academy Board of Trustees, welcomed the group. Reminiscences were given by John F. Clough of Spring Ledge Farm, New London, N.Y., Bill Clough's brother; Dr. William D. Adams, president, Colby College; Carolyn Wight Harrison, '43, trustee-emeritus; Theodore W. Brown

II, '83, president, Gould Academy Alumni Association; and Carolyn S. Wollen, trustee.

Charles Farrar's sister, Norma Krajczer of Morehead City, N.C., is visiting with him at the Bethel House.

Kate Nickerson and Chad Dumais were married Sunday, June 10, in a very pretty wedding held at the Bethel Methodist Church.

Over 100 people attended the committal service for Elgin "Stub" Tibbets on Sunday, June 10.

Robert and Ann Greenleaf of North Scituate, R.I., spent the weekend with Arlene Brown and attended the Nickerson-Dumais wedding. Staying in town for the wedding and also visiting at the Brown home were Stephen and Joanne Greenleaf of Rumford, R.I., and Mark and Lorrie Greenleaf and three children of Foster, R.I.

Corey and Pat Brown and three children of Rock Springs, Wyo., are visiting this week with his father, Stanley Brown.

Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

Rodney was in to see me on Wednesday evening. He said a prayer for me.

Joan Howe was in Thursday. She brought me white cheddar cheese crackers. She had a lot of sympathy for me and a hug, too. She really cheered me up.

Bud Howe visited with Albert Raymond on Thursday.

Some of you may want to know when visiting hours are here. I have seen visitors as early as 7 a.m. and I have had some evening visitors stay until a little after 7.

Don't see how I can make it home for a while yet. My arm still gives me a lot of trouble and I have to use my walker so much.

Keep the cards coming and come visit when you can. Vada said time would go by fast. Well it sure makes a difference whether you are able to be about a lot or in a nursing home and unable to get around much. If only the food were better here it would not be quite so bad.

Eldon Greenleaf was in on Friday. He brought me some white cheddar cheese. I enjoyed his visit a lot.

Pastor Rick and Peggy Mowery have returned home after being away on vacation.

I am so glad so many of you enjoy my column.

Ben Conant visited me on Sunday. He gave the sermon at Bethel Alliance Church. He brought some strawberry-rhubarb jam he had made. The jam is very good — thank you, Ben.

Nancy and Peter Anderson also visited recently.

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham
Last week's column got lost in cyberspace, sorry. Actually, it was my fault. I mistyped the address. Oh well that means that this week you get to read last week's and this week's.

Now that the rains have abated, it's time for outside work. I can find about ten jobs that need to be done, yesterday, including working on the car, planting the garden, raking and mowing the lawn near Tasha's holes. Now if I can just find the time and the energy to do them all.

Last weekend saw many things happening. The Bethel Library plant sale was rather wet, but filled with many nice plants and people. I hope that the rain didn't deter people. It certainly didn't look like it did, but I must admit that I didn't stick around long.

I attended the farewell party for Rodney Abbott and Sherry Higgins. It was well attended by teachers and administrators from their past. Many people said nice things about these two good teachers. They will be sorely missed and hard acts to follow.

Graduation went off well, so I am told. I crashed way too early that day after a full day. It's sad to think that 7 p.m. is too late for me. I really am a morning person and staying out late for an ITV class is hard on my 5 a.m. body.

This week, I have noticed many new flowers. Although the strawberry blossoms do not seem to be turning into too many strawberries, there are new, bright yellow buttercups and a new purple flower that I am not certain of what it is. The stalk is tallish without much depth. Maybe someone else can name it.

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for me.

I spent a good part of the weekend either studying or working on the car. I still am dotted with bits of fiberglass that will just have to wear off because I am not using acetone on my skin. It does make my fingernails look a little dirty, so don't look too carefully. At least the car looks inspectable so I can stop being pulled over by Bethel's finest and the "staties." By the time you read this, my car will be legal and, hopefully, I will have a buyer for the Grape.

In any case, I got to spend much of the beautiful weekend outdoors. I even managed to do my reading outside. The paper I wrote, however, had to be typed and printed indoors.

Sunday, a crew of Outward Bound marathoners passed me on my morning walk. Barbara explained, as she was running by us, that they were on staff training.

Tasha only jumped on the first guy, who was very good about it and definitely ahead of the pack. Some were doing more wailing than running and others were right into it. I would have been of the former, even when I could run, I couldn't run that far. Every once and awhile I miss running. Then I try and take only a short distance and remember why I no longer run. I do walk, though, and I am glad I can usually still do that.

Sunday also gave way to intermittent showers. There may even have been a spot of hail thrown in. The thunder was loud enough in the afternoon to make me jump while on a walk. Tasha took it in stride. I was amazed since she is not that nonchalant at home.

A new improved turkey sign has sprouted by Ed and Julie's house. I hope that means they have been seeing the turkeys. I have not, but I shall start walking down there and looking. Now that I will be teaching less, I will have time, I hope to visit and to get my garden in. That is my goal for the week, as well as finding a summer job. So far I have been quite unsuccessful.

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That is all for now. Have a great week. Watch out for the mosquitoes and black flies. So far they haven't bothered me too much, although I notice a few flying around my head as I type this.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Alder River Grange will have a brunch on June 17 at 11 a.m. There will be pancakes, eggs, buns, rolls, OJ and coffee, along with other goodies — \$5 for adults and \$3 for under 13.

Polly Smith will celebrate a birthday on June 14.

Dana and Millie Jackson attended a graduation party for Cori Olson, daughter of Randy Olson, on June 10 at Randy and Jen Olson's home in Harrison. On their way home, the car in front of them got "moosed" (hit by a moose).

Millie and Dana Jackson earlier in the day attended a baby shower for Penny York at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew York in Rumford Corner.

Irene Foster and her camera lady of Cape Cod visited Florence Hastings on June 9 and 10.

Robert and Maurice Dorey's sister passed away recently. There was a private service in West Bethel.

The Grange supper schedule is: July 14, cold cuts, beans and salads; Aug. 25, a Yard Sale and Chicken BBQ; Sept. 15, chicken pot pie supper; Oct. 13, Harvest Supper. Any veteran will have a free supper in honor of Veteran's Day.

Have a good week everyone.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover
Lately it seems that each weekend is busier than the one before. It seems like I'll have to retire again, just to catch up on all the "volunteering stuff."

Last weekend got started on Friday with a dental appointment at 8 a.m. in Rumford, followed by a 10 a.m. appointment in Farmington to get our new truck wired for our camper. From there we drove to Quoosoc, where we set up the camper in the driveway of Norm and Gail Weston's camp for the weekend. Then, it was "Col. Weston's" deep-fat-fried chicken, along with Gail's tossed and Mona's potato salads. This was followed by an evening's relaxation with drinks, conversation, and, of course, roasted marshmallows over the open campfire.

Snuffy added entertainment with his antics with "fetch" and "keep away," chewed firewood and "in your face" frolicking with whom-ever would allow it. Saturday found us fishing in Norm's boat, where he got me into position to reel in a nice two-pound brook trout. This was followed by "boys against girls" cribbage, where, of course, the boys took two out of three. Another evening of campfire activities ensued.

Sunday, it was get packed up and go home early enough to shower and get to a 2 p.m. picnic with our 40 & 8 group in Peru. Then, it was "go home early" enough to get ready for Monday and the start of another week, which promises to be just as busy as the previous one,

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Melissa Bailey, Lynsey Brown, Darin Morse, Denise Scotti and Eric Swasey. Seated with them was Mountain Valley High School senior Jonathan Downes.

The Rev. Rich noted that nine Andover graduates had passed away since the 2000 banquet, and she gave the invocation.

President Roberts called the roll by classes: Wendall Sweat '30 celebrated his 71st, Elsie Spares Arsenault her 68th, Robert Swain, 65th, Robert Spidell, Owen Morton, Herschel Hall and Alan Bodwell represented the 50-year class and Peggy M. Madigan, Penny Poor, and Robert L. Wright celebrated their 35th years.

Presentation of Awards:

--Andover Alumni Math: Lindsey Farrington, Douglas Bailey, Benjamin Sabin and Darin Morse.

--Senior Science Award: Eric Swasey.

--Andover Friday Club Book Awards: Ashley Stambolis, Heather Glover, Erika Davis and Melissa Bailey.

--Walter Fox Book Awards: Joseline Belanger, Natasha Tillberg, Matthew Mills, Elizabeth Whitt, Douglas Bailey, Michael Sabin and Lynsey Brown.

--East Andover Community Club Award: Lynsey Brown.

--Remington Award: Lynsey Brown.

--Top 10 Lila Farrington Memorial Scholarship Award: Eric Swasey (8th) and Lynsey Brown (10th).

--John Fox Award (Andover Educational Fund): Lynsey Brown.

--Telstar Regional High School sketches were presented to the nine seniors by the Service Circle.

--Service Circle Scholarships: Jennifer Morin and Jonathan Downes.

--Michael Marston Award: Francesco Guara (presented by Brenda Pouet).

--Toastmaster Richard Marston '62 addressed the seniors, parents and friends.

Hilma and Freeman Farrington were presented the third Citizens Award for all their community work.

A short business meeting was held in the hope of finding officers for the coming year.

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Upton



by
Eleanor LeComte

June 14th is Flag Day. As a child I had less than patriotic thoughts about it being a special day. It was the last day of school and it ranked up there with Christmas and the Fourth of July. We also found out on this day if we got promoted to the next grade of school. It was definitely a day of childish mixed emotions. Our kids will be "set free" for the summer this week. I hope they enjoy it to the fullest extent.

Two Upton students are members of the 2001 graduating class at Telstar. We send congratulations and best wishes to Jennifer Davenport and Nicolas Lavallee.

We are very proud of Elissa Dyer, our "homeschooler," who traveled with her mother, Brenda, to the University of Maine at Orono to accept an inscribed trophy for being one of the top readers in the M.S. Readathon. Elissa placed fourth, having read 117 books. She also raised \$213 for M.S. and received a \$20 gift certificate to KayBee Toys and a "M.S. Readathon 2001 Official Completion Certificate." It doesn't end there; she also won a coupon for a free pizza at Pizza Hut. Elissa is a great little girl who puts her heart into everything she does. Congratulations, Elissa.

I have a few date corrections from the Ladies Aid. The Yard and Bake Sale will be held July 14. The annual Craft Sale will be held on August 9. It was a "brainburn." Carolyn reports that she wasn't even out of breath. Hang in there, kid. You'll live to be a hundred.

I have another correction. (I'm slipping fast). My neighbor and wildlife expert Jen Casey said I'm



BELLE AND FRIENDS
The Spring Street Dance Theater of Bethel will present "Belle and the Beast" on Thursday, June 21 at 4 p.m. and Friday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at the Helen Berry Auditorium at Telstar. Pictured are: front (from left), Haley Peterson, Sophie Forest-Lawton and Grace Connors. Back: Heather Jordan (Belle).

Vi and Ray Bernier have a pair of bluebirds. Every year the swallows chase the bluebirds away, but this year the "blues" won. The swallows have one house and the bluebirds the other — "co-existence."

We have two pair of Canada geese with families hanging out on the beach. One family has three goslings and the other has seven. They are doing a fine job of fertilizing the lawn. Caution must be taken with every step to get to the beach, but the little fellas are awfully cute.

Stop looking for Sue Angevine's calico kitty. She returned home after a four-day hiatus in the tall grass. She looked well fed. The field mouse population is down considerably.

The "Bird of the Week" is the bluebird. I don't know whether they are Eastern or Mountain bluebirds. Check your bird books. Both write-ups are interesting and informative.

I'm eating "Humble Pie" after last week's "booboo."

Locke Mills



by
Lorraine Larson

It is really great to have all the signs of spring and summer once again. I received a message on my answering machine the other day from Jane Poulin telling

the summer. June Pickering visited her mom and dad, Al and Connie Gagnon. June recently had surgery and is back to work in good shape. Al is still having difficulty with his injured hand.

Back Street has been very quiet. Margaret and Tex are busy preparing for the annual Ellingwood reunion.

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me a moose with her baby had just been there and was heading in our direction. She could hear the dogs barking, so she figured they must be nearly here. Unfortunately, we were not home to see them. I wonder where they went to, as the path peters out at the end of our property. Of course, they can take the bridge to get to the woods behind Ken's, but some animals don't like to cross bridges. But somehow I can't imagine a moose worrying about that. Their attitude seems to be "you worry," sometimes to their detriment.

Then there was this great com-

motion going on outside one day last week. I looked out the kitchen window, which some dear soul had thoughtfully put in a large picture one looking right onto the pond, and saw a mother mallard swimming past as fast as she could go, which caused eight small babies to flap the little wings they had and move their little feet as fast as they could skimming along the top of the water with great commotion. She paraded them up and then back and then disappeared into Round Pond, and I haven't seen them since. I think she read my column, where I said there were no babies this year and wanted me to know that there were.

And just to make me seem dumb, this morning there was another mother, the one with the yellow bill, with three babies who are already feathered out and are almost half grown. She must have had those in a snow bank — well, not that bad but May was such a cold, wet month for a while there she did well to hatch any.

I didn't think the blackbirds in the tree nest were ready to bring out young, as I did not see any great flurry of activity as there usually is when they are feeding chicks. However, either I was wrong or for some reason they

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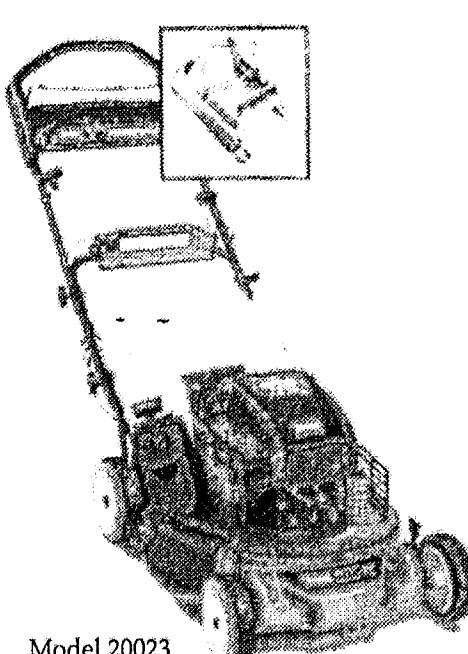
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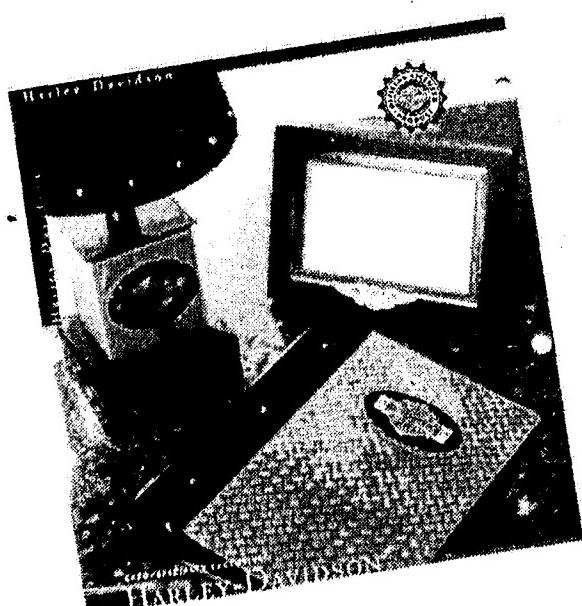
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The Bethel Citizen

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The grand prize trophy winner for the junior division was Samantha Hill. There was quite a bit of excitement as these young people competed. The cars were well made and each one gave their all. Hope to see you all later in other races this season.

This next story saddens me. As I took my news up to the Bethel Citizen last week, I saw a small deer beside the road on Route 26, just before the park as you enter Bethel. It was a young buck, just in "velvet." He had been hit and just left there. I reported it to two different people. Please be careful as you drive so as not to hit our woodland creatures in your travels.

Upcoming events include the "Circus of the Stars" on Saturday, June 16, at the West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

A bountiful Potluck Supper will be held at West Paris Grange 298 on Saturday, June 23 from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a program by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. This is a real special night, so come and bring a friend.

West Paris

by Miriam Inman

Sally Doughty and Eino Rosenberg spent last weekend with her daughter, Ginger Dunham and her husband at camp at East Grand Lake. They had good fishing.

Marietta Penley is at the Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center on Marion Avenue. She has been there several weeks and will be glad to receive cards.

West Paris Alumni Banquet and meeting took place on Saturday evening with a very good attendance despite the rainy weather. The honored Class of 1951 had the following classmates in attendance: Joe Perham and his wife Peg (Grover) Perham; Elaine (Lamb) Blossom from North Bradford, Conn.; Irene (Ross) Card and her husband Albert from Augusta; Beatrice (Doble) Damon and her husband Bill of Norway; Leland Farr, West Paris; Charles "Chuck" Haines and wife Jean of Punta Gorda, Fla.; Clara (Hammond)

Johns, West Paris; Joyce (Buck) Linindoll, South Paris; June (Heikkinen) Moore of Peru. Joe Perham introduced each one and added some humor to each one as well. A moment of silence was held in memory of former classmates Wesley Pierce, Leon Hadley Jr. and Byron Inman. The only one from the Class of 1981 was Deanna (Hammond) Abbott. The street dance scheduled for Saturday night had to be held in the gymnasium after the alumni meeting.

Thursday afternoon, Vern and I and Milton and Eleanor Inman visited Phyllis Young at the d'Youville Rehab Center in Lewiston. She expected to be coming home the next day.

The Historical Society meeting and potluck supper will be on Monday, June 18.

We want to congratulate Vanessa Pawlowski and Stanley Hill for receiving the Albert Jackson Scholarship Award. Vanessa plans to attend Bowdoin College and Stanley is going to go to Northeastern University in Boston. They are both very deserving and we wish them the best.

Much sympathy is extended to Faye Abbott and her family due to the loss of her mother.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

Hi readers. Kimberly and Derek DeSanctis of Stoneham are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Ayden Edward, born on May 27, 2001 at 10:07 p.m. at St. Mary's Regional Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Congratulations, Kim and Derek. Maternal grandparents are Edward and Monika Spooner of Stoneham. Paternal grandparents are Anthony and Pauline DeSanctis of New Auburn. Great-grandparents are Jean Littlefield of Stoneham, Phyllis Hall of Sabattus and Gertrude DeSanctis of Lewiston.

On Sunday, June 3, Loretta Andrews had a family cookout at her home to celebrate Everett Andrews and her birthday. Her mother, Althea Sawyer of Fryeburg, was there

along with Darlene, Crystal and Nicky Dunn. Althea made the birthday cake and Darlene helped decorate it with a racecar for Everett and "Mrs. M & M" made with M & Ms and a little straw hat for Loretta. It was a fun time for all.

On June 16, there will be a public breakfast at the Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. This is a pancake breakfast with scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee for \$4.50 and \$3.

On Saturday, July 14 from noon to 2 p.m., there will be a pig roast meal at the Stoneham Fire Station put on by the Stoneham Knight Rider Snowmobile Club. Cost: \$7 and \$5.00. For tickets, call 928-2443 or 928-2030. This sounds like a fun time, too.

Dick Pickering, our next-door neighbor, said he had a big black bear in his backyard one Friday night recently. He said he thought he was checking out his outdoor grille. Guess he wanted a steak, but he didn't get it as David's two dogs put up quite a howl.

Dick and Marilyn Jones celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary recently at the Village Inn in Auburn. Those joining them were Joe, Wanda and Zackary Ryerson of Oxford and Vicki and Chuck MacDonald and Keirie Godfrey of Fort Mill, S.C.]

Vicky and Chuck and Keirie were in town for a few days to attend the committal service for Robert MacDonald in North Waterford on Saturday and for the 8th birthday party for Zackary Ryerson, which was held at the bowling alley in South Paris.

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From the Bethel Library

The Bethel Library's annual Perennial Plant Sale was the usual great success despite rain, gloom and bugs. All the hardy Maine gardeners came to the gazebo and brought and bought plants. This fundraiser has become a real Bethel tradition. We would like to say thank you to all that contributed.

Thank you to Melody Bonnema, our trustee liaison, Betsy Raymond, committee chair; Shelley Douglass, co-chair; Norm Davis and Pinky Rinebold, organizers and diggers.

We would also like to thank all the local buyers who use the plants to beautify their yards and our town.

and Lucy Nordahl, Marilyn Sahlgren, Lucia Schwarz, Becky Secrest, John Shorb, Karen Swanson, Clayton and Mary Sweatt, Jean Taber, Margaret Tibbets, Peggy Wright, Mark and Gail Wiggle.

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From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Alice Arlen, biographer of the famed regional and Maine writer Louise Dickinson Rich, was the featured speaker at the second of the Bethel Historical Society's 2001 Lecture Series held on June 7 at the society's Dr. Moses Mason House Exhibit Hall. Ms. Arlen discussed how she came to write the book,

"She Took to the Woods," inspired by Rich's best-selling, "We Took to the Woods." She described her research trail and how having the name Alice helped open doors from family members since there were so many Alices in Mrs. Rich's life.

Her fortune in obtaining so many primary sources helped make the book the popular success it has become.

She showed some slides of some of the locations important to Mrs. Rich and described how she dealt with the complexity of her subject's personality and storytelling abilities.

She also read passages of Mrs. Rich's prose that were not quoted in the book or that did not appear as texts.

Following her lecture, Ms. Arlen autographed copies of her book. Punch and cookies were also served for those wishing to visit with the biographer.

From the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Please join us this evening (Thursday) for a Business After Hours/Open House at Sparrow Hawk Mountain Ranch from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tom and Susan Roberti and family look forward to offering tours of their beautiful new facilities as well as meeting all of you.

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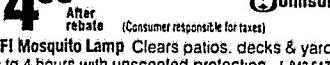
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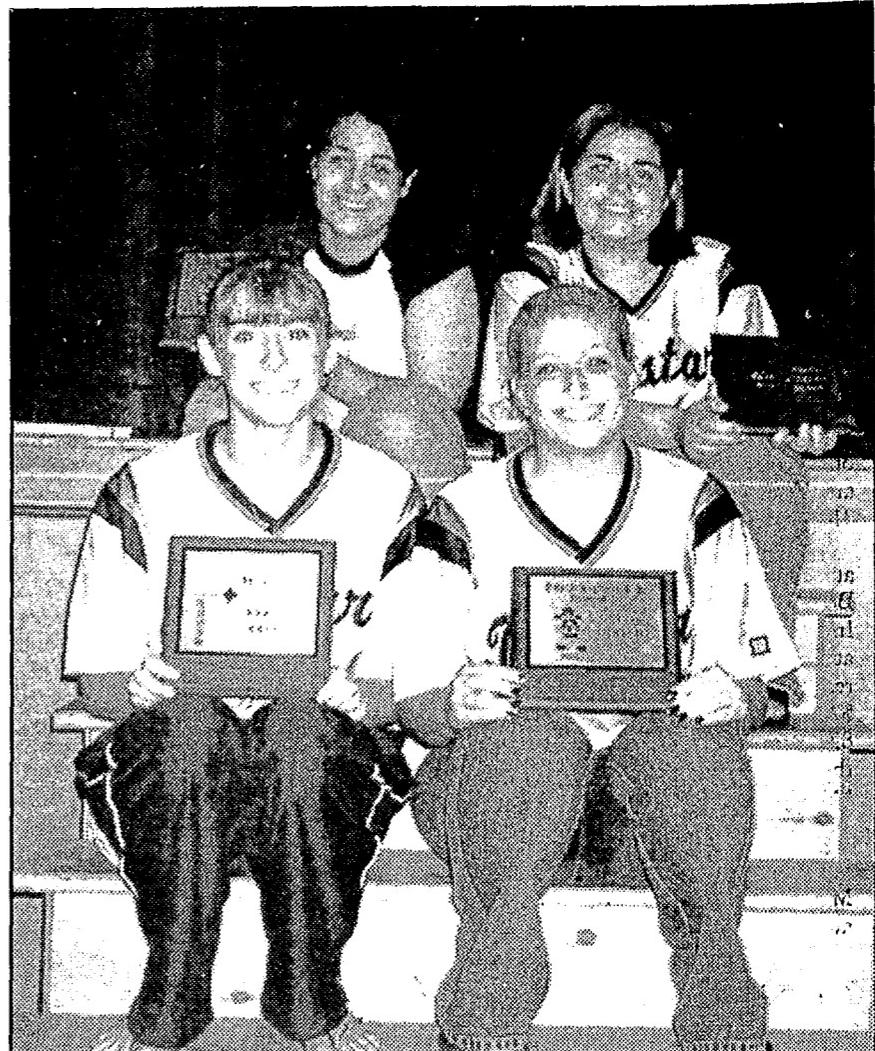


TRACK & FIELD—Front: Anna Willard (Most Valuable Player, Mountain Valley Conference First Team All-Star in 800, 1,600 and 3,200 meters); Heather Zimmerman (Hustle Award, MVC Second Team All-Star in 1,600 meters). Back: Katie Wight (Most Valuable Player, MVC First Team All-Star in 400 meters, MVC Second Team All-Star in 100 and 200 meters); Fred Bailey (Most Valuable Player). Absent: Bryan Wilson (Hustle Award).

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BASEBALL—Front: Dan Zinchuk (Mountain Valley Conference Second Team All-Star); Paul Cox (MVC First Team All-Star); Steve Estes (MVC First Team All-Star); Mike Gionet (Hustle Award). Back: Bob Bean (Coach's Award); Greg Koch (MVC Second Team All-Star); Kinsey Durgin (Rookie Award).



SOFTBALL—Front: Lauren Hart (Hustle Award); Amanda Micion (Coach's Award). Back: Lynsey Brown (Coach's Award); Denise Scott (Coach's Award).

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF JUNE 18

SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program

Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Telstar Middle/High School Lunch Program

Monday: Ham and cheese roll, garden peas, potato chips, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

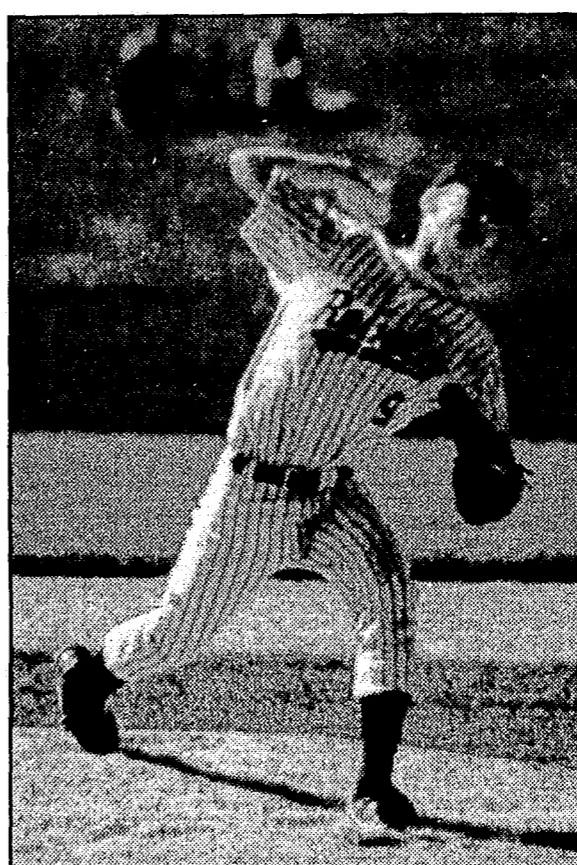
Tuesday: Hot dog/bun, sliced carrots, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Have a nice summer vacation.

SAD44 Elementary School Lunch Program

Monday: Ham and cheese roll, kernel corn, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

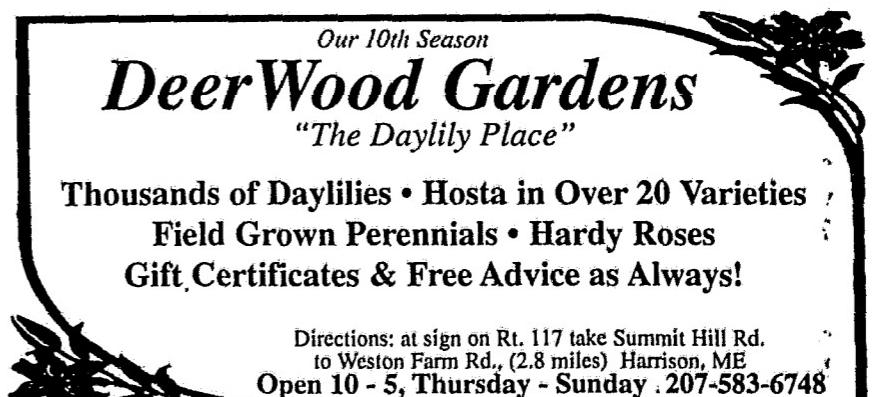
Tuesday: Summer vacation begins — have a nice vacation.



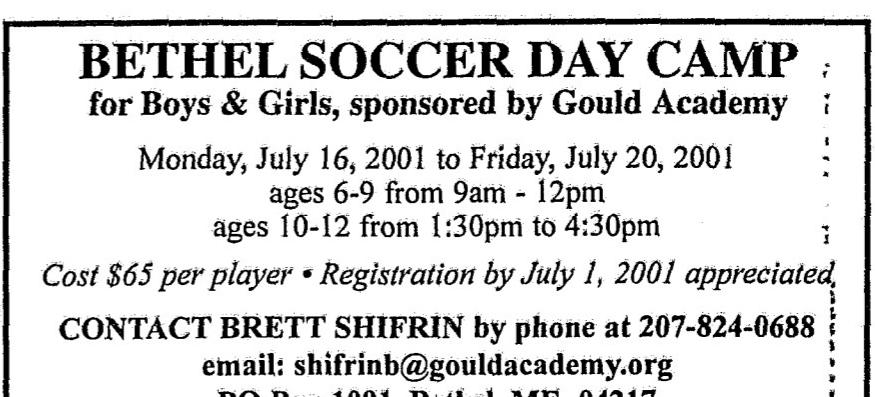
NOT TO BE
Telstar's Josh Aylward pitched the early part of the game in a 2-1 Western Class C playoff loss to Winthrop last Thursday. The Rebels concluded their season with a record of 10-4. (Photo by Aloisio)



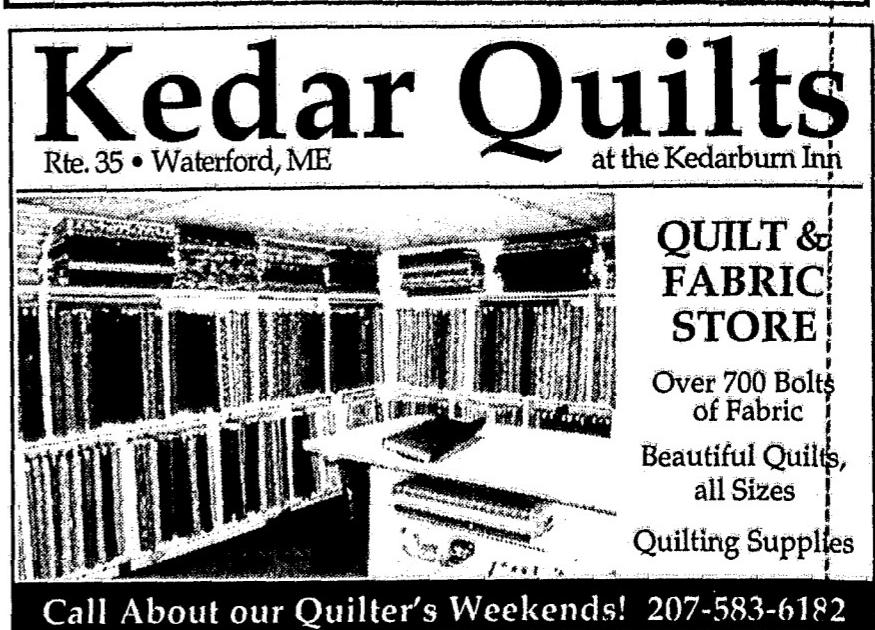
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Events Calendar

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Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Come alone or bring a friend. Reservations are important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

Thursday Pie Sales at Bethel Methodist Church will begin at noon on June 7.

Bethel Swimming Lessons — June 26/July 13 at Songe Pond. Infant/Toddler/Preschool (with a parent) to Level VI. Register at the Town Office before June 22. Cost: \$5/child for Bethel residents (max. \$10/family) and non-residents \$10/child (max. \$20/family). For more information, call Ellie Kingsbury at 824-3152 ext. 301 and leave a message. Time slots will be in the Bethel Citizen on June 21.

Thursday, June 14

6 p.m. — Steak Dinner and semi-public meeting at Bethel Masonic Lodge #7 A.F. & A.M. 50- and 25-year pins will be awarded.

Friday, June 15

6 p.m. — Class Night at the Andover Elementary School.

June 15-17

Trek Across Maine — Sunday River to the Sea to support America Lung Association. Cyclists start at Sunday River Ski Resort and finish at Waterfront Park overlooking Belfast Harbor. For information call (800) LUNG-USA or visit the Web site www.mainelung.org

Saturday, June 16

Wood Choppers degree at Blazing Star Lodge 30, Route 232, Rumford Corner. Semi public, 6:30 p.m. roast pork supper (\$6, ladies free), 7:30 p.m. lodge opening. Degree (\$10). Any Master Mason can take this fun degree. Please make reservations by June 14 by calling 364-4715. If no answer, leave message.

7:30 to 10:30 a.m. — **Public Breakfast** at Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell. Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice, coffee. Cost: \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children.

Saturday, June 16-17

Androscoggin River Watershed Fish Festival, sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber. Main headquarters of event is the parking lot adjacent to the chamber's informational center and many activities, such as lessons in bass and trout fishing, catching and cleaning, fly-tying and casting; talks by authors Julia Hunter and Alice Arlen; and children's hands-on participation in fish release, will be offered at Pleasant River Campground, Bethel Outdoor Adventures and other locations. Contact the chamber office (824-2282) for a full calendar.

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Exchanges

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Community Service Center—Supplies available for emergencies and disaster relief at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For aid or information call 674-2663.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

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Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

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Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to the public.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. Tel. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Upton Library: Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian, 824-2520.

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Summer is Here!!

Sunday, June 17

7 p.m. — Jonathan Edwards Farewell Tour will be featured at OddFellow Theater, Route 117, Buckfield Village. Tickets: \$20 in advance or \$22 at door. For more information, call 336-3306.

11 a.m. — Brunch at Alder River Grange, East Bethel. Menu: orange juice, pancakes, eggs, buns rolls, coffee, etc. Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 13.

11 a.m. — Annual Bethel Canoe and Kayak Race on the Androscoggin River from Bethel Outdoor Adventures campground. Registration: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Race briefing: 10:30 a.m. Classes for all canoeists, youth to and including veterans, recreation and cruisers, plus classes for all kayaks. 8:5 miles.

Tuesday, June 19

11:30 a.m. — Christian Women United meeting at Country Way Restaurant, South Paris. Speaker: Avis Ellingwood of Norway. Music by Dorothy Canwell of Norway. Those who have not been contacted but would like a reservation may call Pearl Anderson at 743-5724.

Thursday, June 21

5 to 6:30 p.m. — Public Supper at East Stoneham Congregational Church. Adults, \$6 and children, \$3.

June 21 and 22

4 p.m. matinee Thursday and 7 p.m. Friday — Spring Street Dance Theater of Bethel will present "Belle and the Beast" at Helen Berry Auditorium, Telstar Regional High School.

Friday, June 22

8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) — Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris will feature "A Night at the Fights," a mix of slapstick comedy, Shakespearean battles, thrilling swordfights. Tickets: \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call (207) 743-8452 for reservations (required).

June 22 and 23

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Cross Country Quilters 14th annual Quilt Show at Middle Intervale Meeting House, Intervale Road, Bethel. Antique and modern quilts. Donation: \$3, children under 12, free.

June 22, 23, 24

8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday — "The Odd Couple (female version)" by Neil Simon will be presented by Lake Regional Community Theatre at Deerrees Theatre in Harrison. Tickets: \$10 per person available at Lake Region Vocational Center, Naples; Casco Library, Casco;

June 22, 23, 24

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Second Annual Antique Show and Sale, to benefit Lovell Historical Society, at Lovell Heritage Center Building and Barn on Route 5, opposite Lake Kesar Country Club. Admission: \$3. Good grilled food, desserts and beverages on sale. Still room for more dealers. Co-chairpersons: Renee Dutton (207) 924-3245 or Jacky Stearns (207) 925-6838.

Monthly Meetings

Hayes True Value and Bridgton Books, Bridgton; and Tut's Store, North Waterford. After June 15, tickets available at Deerrees ticket office. For more information, call 693-3864.

Saturday, June 23

Grange Hall Tour of Oxford County will be held at West Paris Grange 298, Church Street. Public Supper from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by entertainment by storyteller, John McDonald; poet, Wes McNair; and the music of Fiddle Box. Supper tickets: \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for kids. For the performance, donations will be taken at the door. For more information, call 824-3575.

8 p.m. (doors open 7:30 p.m.) — Joe Perham, Maine humorist, will be featured at Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris. Tickets: \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Call (207) 743-8452 for reservations (required).

Monday, June 25

8:45 a.m. (at gate) — Newry Recreation Committee trip to Storyland, Glen, N.H. Free admission for all Newry-resident children 3 to 18 who sign up by June 14 by calling Newry Town Office (824-3123). No signups for free children's admission accepted after June 14. Adults accompanying children will pay \$15.

Wednesday, June 27

4:30 to 6 p.m. — Mahoosuc Arts Council annual meeting at John and Jan Todd's home, 164 Paradise Road, Bethel.

Sunday, July 1

12th annual Bethel Art Fair on Bethel Common.

Thursday, July 12

1 to 2 p.m. — Hanover Boat Landing Dedication. Hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, cookies will be available.

Thursday, July 19

5 to 6:30 p.m. — Public Supper at East Stoneham Congregational Church. \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Saturday, July 21

Mollyockett Day celebration sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council. Theme: "Let the Good Times Roll." Annual parade, Princess Mollyockett, races, arts and crafts, entertainment, food, frog jumping, fiddling, 2nd North American Wife Carrying Championships, fireworks at dusk. For more information, call 824-3575.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Telstar High School Car Show, street rods, muscle cars, trucks, mini, 4 x 4, hot rods, '50s/60s cars, antiques, etc. (\$5 for car and one passenger). Trophies. Admission for spectators: \$2. Sponsored by Friends of Telstar High School. Contact Marilyn Swan (824-2029), Brenda Wight (824-2288) or Linda Howe (824-2328) to give a tax-deductible donation or for more information.

Sunday, July 22

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Second Annual Antique Show and Sale, to benefit Lovell Historical Society, at Lovell Heritage Center Building and Barn on Route 5, opposite Lake Kesar Country Club. Admission: \$3. Good grilled food, desserts and beverages on sale. Still room for more dealers. Co-chairpersons: Renee Dutton (207) 924-3245 or Jacky Stearns (207) 925-6838.

First Wednesday: Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Second Wednesday: Gildead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

Friends of the West Paris Library, 6:30 p.m. (new members welcome)

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info: call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Last Wednesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., March and May: Crescent Park School PTA, 6:30-8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Recreation Board meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

West Paris Grange #298, 7:30 p.m. Call 674-3962 or 674-3046

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

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 23, Saturday - Poland (DH) (at Telstar), 11 a.m.
 26, Tuesday - at Oxford Hills, 6 p.m.
 27, Wednesday - Oxford Hills (at Telstar), 6 p.m.
 28, Thursday - New Auburn (at Gould), 6 p.m.
 30, Saturday - Gayton (DH) (at Telstar), 11 a.m.

 July
 2, Monday - at Oxford Hills, 6 p.m.
 5, Thursday - at Poland, 5:45 p.m.
 7, Saturday - at New Auburn (DH), 11 a.m.
 10, Tuesday - Andy Valley (at Gould), 5:45 p.m.

12, Thursday - at Gayton, 5:45 p.m.
 13, Friday - at Rhode Island Tournament, TBA
 14, Saturday - at Rhode Island Tournament, TBA
 15, Sunday - at Rhode Island Tournament, TBA
 18, Wednesday - MidCoast (at Gould), 5:45 p.m.
 19, Thursday - at Poland, 5:45 p.m.
 21, Saturday - at MidCoast (DH), 11 a.m.
 23, Monday - at Andy Valley, 5:45 p.m.
 27, Friday - Zone 3 Tournament, TBA
 28, Saturday - Zone 3 Tournament, TBA
 29, Sunday - Zone 3 Tournament, TBA

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 21, Thursday - at Paris I
 24, Sunday - at Woodstock I
 25, Monday - at West Paris
 28, Thursday - Woodstock I (home)

July 1, Sunday - Woodstock II (DH), 3 p.m.
 9, Monday - at Andover
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 23, Monday - West Paris (home)
 24, Tuesday - Paris II (home)
 25, Wednesday - at Buckfield

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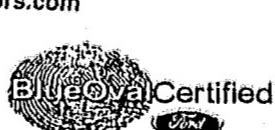
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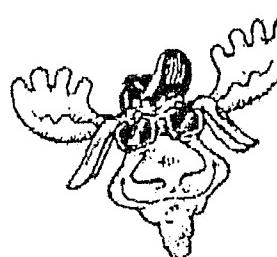
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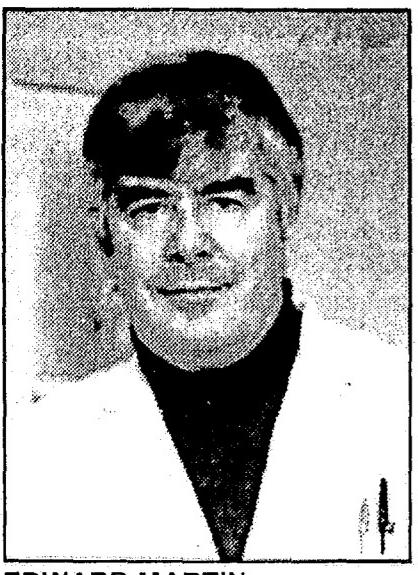
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Obituaries



EDWARD MARTIN

Dr. Edward Martin, 73, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001. Dr. Martin ("Doc" as his lifelong patients liked to call him) was born in Mexico, on Jan. 8, 1928, and named Joseph Edward Martin. His parents, Louise Campbell McCafferty and Joseph Agape Martin, raised him in the town that he lived and worked in for most of his lifetime.

He considered himself a hometown boy, graduating from Mexico High School in the Class of 1945. That high school diploma always hung in his medical office. He was proud of his class and clung to those friendships made early in his lifetime. "Eddie," as his early lifetime friends called him, played football for his alma mater and from there was awarded a full tuition scholarship to Colby College in Waterville.

In Memory of Elizabeth Bailey

June 16th

It's been two years since you went away. But your love and memories are here to stay. It hasn't been the same since you left us that day. There were a lot of tears when you went away. But now we have the memories of all the great times we've shared. And how much you loved us and cared. I know it wasn't easy at the end. We lost a very special person and a great friend. We miss your hugs and your gentle touch. Just remember we love and miss you very much.

Loved and missed by
Herman & Nancy
Joe, Cindy & family
Violet & family
Wanda, Kevin & family
Vinnie, Diane & family
Steve & Scot

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These are just some of the things you have given us to keep you in our hearts forever.

We love you
Elaine, Marilyn, Delbert,
grandchildren & great-grandchildren

To Bridget on your graduation:

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sister anyone could
ask for; smart,
kind, beautiful,
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His college days were interrupted by World War II and a hitch in the U.S. Navy led him to be stationed at Pearl Harbor in 1947. He became a pilot at the age of 15 daring to pilot his airplane under both the Memorial Bridge and the Morrison Bridge. His lifelong dream of becoming a fighter pilot changed as the war ended. He finished his tour of duty and returned to Colby to finish his studies.

It was during the last of his Colby years that Eddie caught the eye of the college dean. A simple phone call and an interview would catapult this young man, a regular guy, with an outstanding academic record, to an interview and acceptance as a medical student to the University of Vermont College of Medicine.

Dr. Martin recognized the need in Maine for family physicians. His greatest mentor, Dr. Elsworth Amidon, from the College of Medicine, instilled in this young physician the basic need to care for patients at the entry level of care. It was his calling and he accepted it willingly.

He completed his internship at Central Maine Medical Center and was recruited to the Jay-Livermore Falls area where he practiced for a number of years.

But, he was interested in practicing medicine in his hometown. He returned to the Rumford-Mexico area where he gave nearly 40 years of service to those people he loved best — his hometown.

It was during that time that he delivered 2,500 of the Rumford-Mexico area's finest babies and sat many nights and weekends helping

the old-time patients live and die.

With several five-generation families still in his practice when he retired, he embodied the art of family practice. He loved his patients, and they loved him.

He was a champion of the underdog.

His many known challenges to the paper companies

and their toxic waste dumping are legendary.

He became known as

the outspoken physician who was

the centerpiece for the TV

documentary "Cancer Valley."

During his tenure at the Rumford

Community Hospital, Dr. Martin

served on many committees.

He was public health officer for

the towns of Rumford and Mexico for

many years and was a pilot and an

FAA physician offering a service to

area pilots that was unique for its

time. He was co-founder and

medical director of the Cozy Inn

Nursing Home (now known as the

Rumford Community Home)

recognizing the need for elderly

care in his community.

He was a history buff. That

interest led him to explore the

world of art and antiques. For many

years he ran an antique shop and

was well known throughout the

state as a most knowledgeable art

and antique dealer. His

documentation of the artist

Jonathan Bartlett resulted in a

comprehensive reference of this

Rumford artist's life in book form

and led him to study and complete a

second book on the Abenaki

Indians of this state. The second

book, called "Thunder from the

Mountains," is a historical novel

about the Abenaki Indians.

Perhaps he best loved the

discovery of the history of the

Acadians. It was through this

historical pathway that he came to

know the history of his Martin

ancestors and that led him on a

journey that would change his life.

He documented many of the events

in his life and those of his patients

through the medium of poetry. It

wasn't unusual for him to stop in

the middle of a patient's history

and document an idea that would

lead to a poetic verse at a later

time.

He was the founder of the

Acadian Society of the area and

functioned as its advisor for many

years.

In 1992, the Maine Labor Group

on Health awarded him the

Prestigious Health and Safety

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efforts to improve Maine's

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